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Blood donation opportunity set for June 16

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 16 at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 17

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 17 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Soul Shot features Bobby Velasquez and John Kirkwood and many other seasoned musicians including Darrell Ellison, Ben Black, John Hancock and Wesley Kirkwood. Soul Shot plays classic rock and other genres including dance, oldies, disco, blues and more. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

North Manchester Kiwanis Club plans annual fish fry

The Kiwanis Club of North Manchester annual fish fry is set for Thursday, June 18 at Warvel Park, 702 N. Market St., North Manchester. This year's fish fry will be curbside only in a drive-thru procession. The starting point for the drive-thru will be along the southbound lane of Market Street from the corner of Ninth Street to Seventh Street. Fish dinners

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Wabash Police Department accepting probationary police officer applications

Candidates may apply
through Friday, July 17

By **ROB BURGESS**

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Wabash Police Department (WPD) is accepting applications for the position of a probationary police officer through 4 p.m. Friday, July 17.

Applications, job description and agility test requirements may be

picked up in person from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the WPD office, 1340 Manchester Ave.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Monday, Sgt. Matt Benson, WPD public information officer, stated their original attempt to fill the position was disrupted due to the current pandemic.

"This opening is from another officer resigned several months ago. However, we had to postpone the hiring process due to COVID-19," stated Benson.

The benefits package includes a probationary salary of \$49,319; career progression incentive pay for longevity and promotional opportunities through the rank structure; a take-home car after two years residing within the Wabash city limits; comprehensive medical, dental and eye insurance; life insurance; and paid vacation and sick leave.

Under Indiana Code 36-8-4-7, a person may not be appointed as a member of the WPD after the person has reached 36 years of age.

Under Indiana Code 36-1-20.2 regarding nepotism, a person may not be appointed as a member of the WPD who is related to any officer of the department.

Candidates must meet the residency requirements of Indiana Code 36-8-4-2.

"The city of Wabash is an equal opportunity employer," stated Benson.

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Hands-on learning with the Teen Indiana Master Naturalists

Salamonie program set
to last through Friday

By **ROB BURGESS**

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On Monday afternoon at water's edge near the youth campground at Salamonie Lake, Tashina Lahr-Manifold, executive director of Wabash County Soil and Water Conservation District, was holding up a small bottle filled with water.

Lahr-Manifold was demonstrating water quality testing for the small group of teenagers on the bank in front of her.

"The more parts per million of nitrogen you have, the higher your nitrogen levels are. And the more nitrogen you have, the more algae you have growing," she said. "We prefer to have a lower evaluation on this. If we had a high level of nitrogen, that means that we had a big influx of nutrients into the water, which is not what we want to see. So, we're doing pretty well right now."

The demonstration was a part of the first day of a week-long Teen Indiana Master Naturalist program, which lasts through Friday.

As the presentation ended and the teenagers headed toward the canoes and lifejackets stacked behind them, Cassandra Kennedy said fellow interpretive naturalist Eva Webb had organized the program.

"It's about the same thing as the regular Master Naturalist program, but we tailor to a little bit younger kids," she said.

Kennedy said the program will include currently relevant topics. She said earlier that morning, Shelly Reed, with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), gave a presentation about "Dragonflies and Damselflies." Kennedy said programs planned for later in the week would include "Invasive Plants" with Dawn Slack, director



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Tashina Lahr-Manifold, executive director of Wabash County Soil and Water Conservation District, demonstrates water quality testing Monday.

of stewardship with The Nature Conservancy; "Mushrooms," with Robert Townsend, local mushroom expert; "Edible Plants and Wildflowers" with Laura Whiteleather, who has retired from the IDNR; "The CCC," with Shelly Reed, of IDNR; and "Spiders," with Cassie Kennedy, of the IDNR.

But, Kennedy said, most of the rest of that afternoon was for canoeing.

"We're going to get in the water and see some of the things they've been learning," she said.

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One month left to file individual 2020 income taxes

Dept. of Revenue reminds
Hoosiers of the July 15
extended tax deadline

STAFF REPORT

Tax Day is exactly one month away, July 15, and an estimated 500,000 Hoosiers still need to file their income taxes, according to the Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the individual income tax season was extended from the traditional April 15 deadline to July 15 to allow customers more time to file and pay taxes owed. If an individual owes taxes, penalties and interest can be avoided by paying 90 percent of the tax owed by the July 15 deadline.

Additionally, individual estimated payments with deadlines of April 15 or June 15, 2020, are due on July 15. Still need to file? The Indiana free file (INfreefile) program is still available to qualifying individuals to file their income taxes for free. If an individual's adjusted gross income was \$69,000 or less in 2019, they may be eligible to use the free online software from DOR-certified vendors.

More information on INfreefile may be found on DOR's website at www.freefile.dor.in.gov.

DOR offers several tax tips to assist individuals when filing their returns to avoid delaying their refund, including:

■ Print all information in blue or black ink, if filing by paper.

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Indiana GOP to broadcast State Convention on Thursday

Event marks first time the party's
convention will be aired live

STAFF REPORT

The 2020 Indiana Republican State Convention will be broadcast live on Thursday, June 18 – "a historic event" that marks the first time the party's convention will be aired live for a statewide audience," stated Jake Oakman, director of strategic communications.

The convention will feature speeches from all Republican attorney general candidates, Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana GOP Chairman Kyle Hupfer and a keynote address from Gov. Eric Holcomb.

The convention will be broadcast live from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on WISH-TV in Indianapolis and WHME-TV in South Bend and will be live-streamed on wishtv.com and Indiana.gop/stateconvention.

Better Business Bureau: 'Like-farming' Facebook scam still going strong

Jayco in northern Indiana
was the recent target
of this sort of gift

STAFF REPORT

The Better Business Bureau Serving Northern Indiana is making consumers aware of a like-farming scam targeting a northern Indiana Accredited Business on Facebook, stated Nichole Thomas, director of communications, public relations and community outreach.

Recently, a post advertising a free RV made the rounds on Facebook. The RV, a 2020 Jayco Greyhawk, was purportedly being given away by the northern Indiana RV manufacturer to one lucky winner who shared the post. Unfortunately, the giveaway was not posted by Jayco; It was posted by scammers hoping to collect as many Facebook "likes" as possible.

"Like-farming is a technique scammers use often on social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram and Twitter," stated Marjorie Stephens, CEO and President of BBB Serving Northern Indiana. "They create an eye-catching post designed to get as many likes and shares as possible, often with an emotional reason to click, like, and share, such as adorable animals, sick children, the promise to win big, or political messages."

Jayco quickly caught on to the scam and posted an update on their official Jayco Facebook page.

"We are not running a giveaway for a 2020 Seneca or any other Jayco RV," the post said. "We have taken the necessary steps to report the page(s) responsible for the misleading giveaways. If we ever do run any official Jayco sales event or giveaway, it will be promoted through our official Jayco company page. Also, we would never ask for your person-

al information, under no circumstance should you provide your personal information to anyone."

As with many scams, like-farming has several different aims. When scammers ask you to "register" to win something or claim an offer, this is a way to steal your personal information. Other versions can be more complex. Often, the post itself is initially harmless – albeit completely fictional. But when the scammer collects enough likes and shares, they will edit the post and could add something malicious, such as a link to a website that downloads malware to your machine. Other times, once scammers reach their target number of likes, they strip the page's original content and use it to promote spammy products. They may also resell the page or contact information on the black market. These buyers can use it to spam followers or harvest the information Facebook

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COVID-19 is helping people party without a big price tag

The pandemic and the resulting shutdowns have helped people get creative about their celebrations. In the process, they are saving money – and, more importantly, realizing that it’s not the size of the event that matters.

Some of my neighbors have organized a parade this weekend to honor the high school and college graduates in our community. Families have decorated their yards. Graduating students have been encouraged to wear their cap and gown or school paraphernalia and stand in their yards to greet family and friends, who will stay in their cars and drive by to wish them well.

My nephew had a Zoom party for his eighth birthday. It was an adorable get-together. The birthday boy was more interested in dancing with his friends on the Zoom platform than he was in the few gifts people were able to send him. He was no less happy about turning 8 at home than he would have been at some venue where a crowded party would have prevented him from spending any quality time with his guests.

Because of the novel coronavirus, couples who would normally rent out catering halls for their wedding receptions, many taking on debt to mark the occasion of their union, are opting instead for intimate ceremonies in the park, in their backyard or in the middle of the street, with just a few family members and friends. Or they are using an online video conference tool to connect with folks remotely as they say their vows. Because, after all, isn’t that what the day is really about?

In California, the Orange County clerk-recorder’s

office conducted marriage ceremonies at ticket booths in the parking lot of the Honda Center, where the National Hockey League’s Anaheim Ducks play. Social distancing should have us questioning the logistics of momentous celebrations. Do you really need 100 to 200 people in attendance to witness your marriage?

I’ve never understood the complaints from couples who say they can’t get married because of the cost. They shun going into debt for their nuptials but spend a year or two – or even three – saving up for the ceremony and reception. But after the honeymoon, they come home to five- or even six-figure student loan debt. That’s financial madness.

Those who don’t want to wait to get married might choose to pay for their wedding and reception on credit. Lenders court brides and grooms with personal loans so their day can be super-special – and super-expensive, once the 14 percent interest kicks in. If you need to borrow for a wedding, that’s a huge red flag that you are living above your means.

Destination weddings at exotic locations have been canceled, freeing friends and relatives from an economic obligation they feel they can’t avoid for fear they will be seen as uncaring. I’ve heard from plenty of people who would rather go in debt than pass on attending a pricey wedding.

When it comes to weddings, the thing people are missing about in-person celebrations isn’t marveling at the bride’s dress, the floral arrangements, the table centerpieces, or the five-tier cake – all items the bride and groom might obsess over and go into debt to have. They really don’t care whether they have steak or chicken. What people are missing is the personal interaction: being able to hug

one another. And, frankly, if we are being honest, it’s a relief not to have to fret over what wedding, birthday or graduation gifts to purchase when people already have so much stuff. Couples in isolation don’t have to set up wedding registries, which, if we’re also being truthful, have turned into a sophisticated way to solicit cash to pay for all kinds of things they can’t afford. Your presence should matter, not your presents, so no registry should ever be needed.

The coronavirus is giving us an opportunity to hit the reset button on how we celebrate, taking the focus off what we do to mark special occasions. Some of the best events I’ve attended were simple affairs where we sat around and talked or played games. There were just enough folks in attendance that you could have meaningful conversations.

The point isn’t to eliminate the celebrations but to shift away from the spectacle. The conspicuous consumption that goes into celebrating far too often takes away from the “why” of the gathering.

The pandemic has ushered in a new reality for graduations, weddings, birthday parties and other events. People have been forced to have low-key festivities. But when things go back to normal, hopefully we will incorporate this lesson: Without pricey parties, you can still celebrate and be celebrated.

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Do Just One Thing

By DANNY SEO

If you’ve gotten into the habit of unplugging things like chargers, small appliances and electronics when not in use, congrats to you. But not everything always

has to be unplugged.

Older appliances that lack all the bells and whistles of modern electronics are energy sippers, not hogs. Old and simple alarm clocks, lamps and even washers and dryers that lack LED

screens and monitors can be left plugged in.

Always focus on the actual energy hogs to save costs, and save yourself the hassle by leaving the old-fashioned ones plugged in.

U.S. revokes emergency use of drugs touted by Trump vs. virus

By MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. regulators on Monday revoked emergency authorization for malaria drugs promoted by President Donald Trump for treating COVID-19 amid growing evidence they don’t work and could cause serious side effects.

The Food and Drug Administration said the drugs hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine are unlikely to be effective in treating the coronavirus. Citing reports of heart complications, the FDA said the drugs’ unproven benefits “do not outweigh the known and potential risks.”

In a separate announcement, the FDA also warned doctors against prescribing the drugs in combination with remdesivir, the lone drug currently shown to help patients with COVID-19. The FDA said the anti-malaria drugs can reduce the effectiveness of remdesivir, which FDA cleared for emergency use in May.

Hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine are frequently prescribed for lupus and rheumatoid arthritis, and can cause heart rhythm problems, severely low blood pressure and muscle or nerve damage. The agency reported Monday that it had received nearly 390 reports of complications with

the drugs, including more than 100 involving serious heart problems. Such reports represent an incomplete snapshot of complications with the drugs because many side effects go unreported.

FDA’s move means that shipments of the drugs obtained by the federal government will no longer be distributed to state and local health authorities for use against the coronavirus. The decades-old drugs are still available for alternate FDA-approved uses, so U.S. doctors could still prescribe them for COVID-19 – a practice known as off-label prescribing.

Dr. Steven Nissen, a Cleveland Clinic researcher who has been a frequent FDA adviser, agreed with the decision and said he would not have granted emergency access in the first place.

“There has never been any high-quality evidence suggesting that hydroxychloroquine is effective” for treating or preventing coronavirus infection, he said, but there is evidence of serious side effects.

On Thursday, a National Institutes of Health panel of experts revised its recommendations to specifically recommend against the drug’s use except in formal studies, and “that, I’m sure, had influence on the FDA,” Nissen said.

The actions by FDA and NIH send a clear signal to health professionals against prescribing the drugs for coronavirus.






Trump aggressively pushed hydroxychloroquine beginning in the first weeks of the outbreak and stunned medical professionals when he revealed he had taken the drug preemptively against infection. After Trump’s repeated promotions, prescriptions for hydroxychloroquine soared, contributing to shortages.

No large, rigorous studies have found the drugs safe or effective for preventing or treating COVID-19. And a string of recent studies made clear they could do more harm than good.

Dr. Peter Lurie, a former FDA associate commissioner and an Obama administration appointee, said the agency had tarnished its reputation by clearing the drugs based on scant evidence and under apparent political pressure.





“This is an agency that gains its credibility from the strength of its scientific pronouncements,” said Lurie, now president of the nonprofit Center for Science in the Public Interest. “The lesson of this whole tawdry episode is that it’s the old, painstaking ways of science that ultimately deliver safe and effective therapies.”

5-Day Weather Summary

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|  Tuesday Sunny 86 / 61 |  Wednesday Sunny 88 / 66 |  Thursday Sunny 89 / 69 |  Friday Mostly Sunny 91 / 72 |  Saturday Isolated T-storms 89 / 70 |
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:22 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:16 a.m.

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|  New 6/21 |  First 6/28 |  Full 7/5 |  Last 7/12 |
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 86°, humidity of 37%. East southeast wind 3 to 6 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 61°. East southeast wind 2 to 5 mph. Wednesday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 88°, humidity of 31%. East southeast wind 2 to 5 mph.

It’s the soap, not water temperature, that kills viruses

Hello, dear readers, and thank you for joining us for the continuation of our monthly letters column. We received so many questions related to the coronavirus and COVID-19 that we needed to address them.

■ A reader from Great Barrington, Massachusetts, asked if water temperature plays a role in killing the virus when we wash our hands. “I have been diligently washing my hands, but sometimes I don’t wait for the water to come out hot,” he wrote. “Does washing with cold water and soap kill the germs, or does the water have to be hot?”

The answer is that the water you wash your hands with can be any temperature at all. Although warm water may be more comfortable, it’s the properties of the soap – not the water temperature – that breach the outer coating of the virus and kill it.

■ Along those same lines, a reader from Santa Rosa, California, urged people to consider turning off the tap during the 20 seconds they are lathering up. “Hand washing is critical for health now, but water conservation never fails to be significant,” she wrote.

■ A reader from Arkansas asked if using the microwave is a good way to destroy virus particles on surfaces. “I feel that the best way for the virus to invade my home in this rural and isolated area of Arkansas is through the mail and newspaper, and I have been running them through the microwave for 30 seconds,” he wrote. “Is the microwave killing the virus?”

A microwave oven works by exciting the water molecules in a food or beverage, which raises its temperature. The actual radiation doesn’t have a direct effect. Since viral particles are made up of proteins and fats, the microwave will not destroy them.

However, the most recent research shows that the major source of

transmission of the novel coronavirus is through respiratory droplets, which are emitted while breathing, sneezing, coughing, speaking or laughing. And while viral particles have been found to persist on paper for up to 24 hours and on plastic for up to three days, the risk is quite low. There are no documented cases of that kind of transmission. If you’re still worried, you can use hand-washing or gloves to protect yourself until 24 hours have passed.

■ A reader from Indiana, who, like so many of us, is running low on hand sanitizer, asked about going DIY. “Will the homemade wipes be as effective in killing germs as the prepackaged brands?” she wrote. As long as the alcohol content in your formula is at least 60

percent, the minimum needed to kill most germs, your home brew will be effective. The only way to achieve this is by using isopropyl or rubbing alcohol that is 99 percent alcohol volume. Be sure to rub all hand sanitizers into your hands until they are completely dry, from 30 to 60 seconds.

Thank you again to all of our readers for your kind thoughts and well wishes. We hope you and your families stay safe and well.

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03-11-36-44-45
Estimated jackpot
\$144,000
Cash4Life
06-10-11-19-40, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
01-05-06-10-13-15-22-23-24-29-30-40-52-54-68-69-73-76-77-79, BE: 1
Daily Three-Midday
1-4-6, SB: 5
Daily Three-Evening
6-2-8, SB: 9
Daily Four-Midday
6-1-5-7, SB: 5
Daily Four-Evening
1-0-7-2, SB: 9
Quick Draw Evening
02-12-16-18-28-29-32-36-45-46-49-52-53-55-56-59-71-74-76-77, BE: 12
Mega Millions jackpot
\$22 million
Powerball jackpot
\$22 million

MONDAY'S METALS

Aluminum......71
Copper.....2.62
Lead......79
Zinc......90
Gold.....1,720.21
Silver.....17.27
Platinum.....814.11

AREA GRAIN

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Jerry Allen McVicker

Dec. 12, 1929 - June 10, 2020

Jerry Allen McVicker, 90, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 1:27 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born December 12, 1929 in Wabash, to Paul “Pete” and Edna (Potterf) McVicker.

Jerry was a 1948 graduate of Wabash High School. He married Norma Carver in Urbana, Indiana on April 22, 1954. Jerry was a US Navy veteran, serving four years in Korea, during the Korean Conflict. He was an electrician at Fisher Body in Marion, retiring in 1991 after 37 years. Jerry was a Past Master, and longtime secretary/treasurer of the Hanna Masonic Lodge #61. He was also a member of the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine, Wabash Shrine Club, and Royal Order of the Jesters. He thoroughly enjoyed driving the mini fire trucks for Shriner parades all over the midwest. Jerry was also a member of the Lagro American Legion, Wabash V.F.W. Post 286, Wabash Elks, and Wabash Moose Lodge. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed golfing for many years in World AM Tournaments in Myrtle Beach. He was a member at Etna Acres and very proud of his hole-in-one on hole two.

He is survived by his adoring wife of 66 years, Norma McVicker of Wabash. Norma and Jerry spent many miles on the road exploring the USA and in September of 2014, he took his entire family of 12 to Ireland to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. He is also survived by three children, David (Fran) McVicker of Lagro, Indiana, Diane (Conrad) Morris of Wabash, and Donna (Michael) Messenger of New Buffalo, Michigan, four grandchildren, Athina Morris of Tampa, Florida, Dimitri Morris of Indianapolis, Indiana, Evan and Nicholas Messenger, both of New



Buffalo, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Dorothy “Dottie” McVicker who died in 1988, and three brothers, James, Robert, and Steven McVicker.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, June 20, 2020, at First Church of God, 525 North Miami Street, Wabash, Indiana. Visitation with the family will start at 11 a.m., and services will begin at 11:30 a.m. With respect to the family, social distancing will be observed. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorials are Shriner’s Hospital for Children or the National Kidney Foundation.

The memorial guest book for Jerry may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Esther Ruth Wagner

March 7, 1936 - June 13, 2020

Esther Ruth Wagner, 84, of rural North Manchester, Indiana, died at 6:15 p.m., Saturday, June 13, 2020 at her home. She was born March 7, 1936 in Hoytville, Ohio to Grover Cleveland and Mabel Pearl (Buchanan) Anderson.

Esther was a 1954 graduate of Jackson Township High School in Hoytville, and a 1958 graduate of Manchester College with a degree in Elementary Education. She married Duane A. Wagner at the Deshler Church of the Brethren in Deshler, Ohio on August 10, 1958. She was a homemaker and taught Kindergarten at Roann and Chippewa Elementary Schools. Esther was a member of the Urbana Yoke Parish and the Women’s Guild of the Church. She was a former member of the Chester Charmers Home Ec Club and a longtime member of a euchre club. She enjoyed reading, singing, politics, working crossword puzzles, and always enjoyed a good joke.

She is survived by her husband, Duane A. Wagner of rural North Manchester, three children, Mark Wagner of North Manchester, Dawn (Aaron) Mattern and Beth Bell, and her grandson, Eli Mattern, all of Wabash. She



was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 18, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Larry Wade officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are Leader Dogs for the Blind or Wabash County Animal Shelter.

The family would especially like to thank Esther’s caregivers, Kay Cox and Lori Binkerd, for their loving care.

The memorial guest book for Esther may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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provides.

Thomas stated consumers can protect against these types of scams by using these tips: from Like-Farming with these tips:

- Use your good judgment. If a post says you can win something just by sharing the post, it’s probably not

true. If a post tugs at your heartstrings and isn’t about someone you know personally, be wary about the truthfulness of its contents.

- Don’t click “like” on every post in your feed. Scammers are counting on getting as many mindless likes as possible, so be sure you only “like” posts and articles that are legitimate. Don’t help scammers spread their con.
- Be cautious when it comes to

sharing your personal information. Never give out personal information, such as your full name, telephone number, address, etc. to a person or company you don’t know or trust.

- Update your web browser. Make sure you always have the latest version of your browser. That way, if you do accidentally click on a scammer’s post, your browser will be more likely to warn you about suspicious sites.

TAXES

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- Do not staple any checks or returns.

- Don’t duplicate your filing (electronically and by paper), as this will

cause processing delays.

- Be sure to send all W-2s and 1099s along with your return.

- If you receive any correspondence from DOR, respond quickly and accordingly.

A full list of tips can be found on DOR’s website at dor.in.gov/5804.

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will be available from 4:30 to 7 p.m. “or until we sell out of dinners.” Dinners include fish, coleslaw, tartar sauce, applesauce and a cookie. Tickets cost \$10.50 in advance and \$11 at the event. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any Kiwanis member, from Grand’s Ice Cream Shoppe, Quality Quick Lube and Shepherds Chevrolet or at the park the night of the event. For tickets and additional information, call David Kreps at 260-982-8251 or visit www.northmanchesterkiwanis.com.

Teen Indiana Master Naturalist classes to be held at Salamonie

The sessions will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, June 19 at Salamonie Nature and Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Participants must complete 80 percent of the course sessions, complete 12 volunteer hours with local or state natural resources organization, complete a pre- and post-survey during the first and last course sessions, and pay registration fee required by the sponsor. Class size is limited to 14 participants. Space is reserved on a first-come-first-served basis. Space will be reserved only upon payment of the \$60 registration fee. Call 260-468-2127 for more information or visit www.indianamasternaturalist.org.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for June 19

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 19 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive.

‘Painting through Miami Eyes’ event set for June 20

Join Catherine Nagy Mowry, for a painting workshop from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 20 at Salamonie Lake. The class size is limited. Property entrance fees apply. This is a free event. Advance registration required, by calling 260-468-2127.

Wabash County Museum reveals re-opening plans

The Wabash County Museum plans to re-open the majority of its facility to the public Tuesday, June 23 with modified hours. The new hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 36 E. Market St. The education center located on the second floor of the museum will remain closed with a targeted opening date in early July.

Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 24

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 24 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Mason Dixon Line Band is one of Fort Wayne’s best country bands. They have opened for sold-out concerts for Frank Foster, Colt Ford, Tyler Farr and Jerrod Niemann. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

‘Hope House Under the Stars’ fundraiser planned for June 28

To raise proceeds for a Hope House, a fundraiser called “Hope House Under the Stars,” will take place from 8 to

11 p.m. Sunday, June 28 at the 13-24 Drive-In Theater, 890 N. Indiana 13. The event is free to the community and anyone interested in learning more about Hope House is encouraged to attend. The “Lego Batman” movie will be showing and children are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero. Gates open at 8 p.m. and the movie will begin at approximately 9:35 p.m. Raffle winners will be announced before the movie. A fund at the Community Foundation has been established to receive contributions. All free-will donations will be directed to the Hope House Fund and will be used to sponsor rooms, pay salaries, and provide meals and recovery-related programming for women living in the home. The Community Foundation of Wabash County will be processing donations and administering the Hope House Fund. All donations are tax-deductible. To donate, visit www.cfwabash.org or mail a check to the Community Foundation located at 105 W. Second St., North Manchester, with Hope House in the memo line. For more information, visit www.hopehousemarion.org.

Drive In Summer Music Series concludes July 1

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, July 1 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. The Mississinewa Valley Swing Band is a community band, located in Grant County. The Swing Band is a 16-member ensemble that plays swing-era music at different area events. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324DriveIn.com/coming-soon/live.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 8

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at the Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 14

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds, 660 Gillen Ave.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 21

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 21 at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

30th Annual Wabash Co. Festivals Scholarship Pageant to be held July 24

The pageant will be held Friday, July 24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked “Scholarship Pageant.” The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a nonprofit, therefore all donations are tax-deductible. For more information, visit the Wabash County Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wabashcountyfestivalscholarshippageant, or contact any of the directors.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day rescheduled for July 25

After being rescheduled for a second time, the Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day for Saturday, July 25. After a year at the

Wabash Presbyterian Church, Pancake Day will return to the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue in Wabash. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at donnasiders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support. The event’s Pancake Eating Contest, sponsored by Midwest Eye Consultants, will take place that day at noon. The Club’s president, Mike Keaffaber, is the event’s chairperson for 2020. Those who have questions or ideas regarding the event may email Keaffaber at keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

Clark Gallery to feature 2020 themed art exhibit

The Clark Gallery in the Honeywell Center will host its 2020 Themed Art Competition titled “Dreams” through Sunday, Aug. 16. Accepted and featured entries can be picked up after the exhibit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. For more information, visit HoneywellCenter.org/dreams.

‘Liking for Biking’ riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a “free, family-friendly” 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park’s upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a “fun and engaging atmosphere.” Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

Woman’s Clubhouse hopes to pick up 2020-2021 schedule in August

Out of an abundance of caution, the Woman’s Clubhouse will not meet for its final luncheon of the 2019-2020 season in June. The group will send the 2020-2021 program and luncheon schedule in August for the new year and they will vote on officers for the new calendar year in September. Anyone who would like to nominate someone for an office should call Ellen Stouffer at 260-571-5339. The group needs a volunteer to take over the membership organization.

Manchester University announces plan to open in fall 2020

In-person classes will begin Sept. 2. Like many schools, Manchester will move to remote teaching and learning after Thanksgiving. The semester will end Dec. 18.

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association begins play

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association has begun play. This year, most Tuesdays will be a scramble event. Newcomers are welcome and there is a \$10 membership fee to cover various expenses. Call the clubhouse at 260-563-8663 by 9 a.m. Monday before to register.

PENDING SERVICES

Cody Paul Beeks: 20, of Wabash, died at 10:07 p.m., Saturday, June 13, 2020 in Traverse City, Michigan. He is survived by his parents, Bryan and Sandy Beeks. Services are pending at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

David N. Schuler: 83, of rural Roann, died at 10 p.m., Sunday, June 14, 2020 at his home. He is survived by his wife, Bertha “Bertie” Schuler. Services are pending at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Roann.

Opinion

Floyd laid to rest, but America must keep fighting to reform policing

In the three decades since the beating of unarmed black motorist Rodney King – the first proof of unequal police treatment captured on video and blasted across the country – law enforcement departments have remained all too powerful, racially biased and virtually unchecked, despite repeated attempts at reform.

In 1992, Americans reacted to the verdict (the cops were acquitted on nearly all charges) and brutalization primarily along color lines. African Americans in Los Angeles rioted. Many white Americans were baffled by the anger. King came forward after several days of the city’s destruction and wondered whether we could “all get along.”

Shamefully, in the nearly 30 years since, the nation’s stockpile of police brutality footage has drastically grown. But the public reaction has come closer to King’s call. People of all ethnic backgrounds protested last month’s killing of unarmed black man George Floyd. The cellphone footage was brutal. Floyd screamed

for his dead mother while Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin ground his knee into Floyd’s neck.

After Floyd’s death, nearly 60 percent of Americans say cops are more likely to use force against African Americans. That recognition, long obvious to black America, has finally made its way into mainstream society.

The shift in attitude was long overdue, as are the policy changes that Congress must enact to finally put an end to the disproportionate killing and brutalization of black men.

Lawmakers should start with the basics – some of which Democrats have proposed in their Justice in Policing Act:

- Set strong national use-of-force standards. The chokehold that Chauvin used on Floyd was part of Minneapolis Police Department policy, even though other law enforcement departments had banned it. National standards should, at the least, ban all chokeholds. Mandatory deescalation and implicit bias training should also be included, with real consequenc-

es for officers who either fail or don’t complete it.

- End qualified immunity. Police officers, who are charged with enforcing the law and empowered with deadly force to do it, should be held to a higher standard than the public when it comes to following that law. Qualified immunity allows for just the opposite – shielding cops from responsibility for violations. If criminal courts fail to hold abusive police officers accountable, their victims should have access to civil courts.

- End civil asset forfeiture without criminal charges. Intended primarily for use against drug dealers and organized crime, the program has been abused nationwide to strip minorities of their homes, cars and cash without even bringing criminal charges against them.

- End no-knock warrants. Two months before Floyd’s death, black female Breonna Taylor’s body was riddled with bullets by police officers who erroneously entered her home using a no-knock warrant. Her boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, thought he was standing his ground

against an intruder when he fired the first shot. Officers had not identified themselves, according to reports. A Supreme Court ruling already bans such warrants except for in extreme cases. Let’s get rid of them altogether.

- End police militarization. Police brutality didn’t begin with militarization. But the distribution of surplus armored tanks, grenade launchers and other military equipment to local departments by the federal government has made already volatile police departments even more brutal.

- End special rights for officers accused of on-the-job misconduct. Police unions protect too many officers after clear violations of their duty. Chauvin, for example, had at least 18 complaints filed against him, according to a CNN report. Officers accused of criminal conduct should be treated like any other criminal suspect, and police unions should no longer be able to negotiate terms for the discipline of officers who abuse the public.

A version of this editorial was first published in USA Today.

Nearly one in five U.S. workers lost their job since March

The federal Employment Situation Summary, published on May 5, caused quite a firestorm. The reason is a data irregularity, perhaps a miscoding of survey data that had the official unemployment rate drop to 13.3 percent. Every economist, including myself, expected the rate to rise, not fall. There is much to be puzzled about, but digging into the numbers is revealing.

First, it is clear this was not a political misrepresentation of the data, as at least one prominent economist initially claimed. The

Bureau of Labor Statistics itself reported the error, and hinted it will be remedied in later jobs reports. Actually, falsifying this data for political purposes would require both the collaboration and support of hundreds of career Department of Labor staff members and some minimal organizational competence by the Trump Administration. There is no precedent for either. Rather,

this is a foible of two ways we gather data about labor markets.

The monthly Employment Situation Summary, known colloquially as the jobs report, is gathered from surveys of businesses and households. These surveys are conducted in the second week of each month and ask some specific questions. Because of COVID-19, the surveyors are working from home, and they ask workers many questions, some of which might be difficult to interpret.

For example, if a respondent is asked whether they have a job, they are also asked if they worked last week. With millions of people on temporary layoff, this appears to have been miscounted for some number of workers. Another question is simply designed to determine if a person is part of the labor force: Do they have or are they looking for a job? Given the large number of recently unemployed people who have children to look after because of school closings, the labor market shrank by more than 6 million workers in three months. The five-year average was an increase of 121,000 per month.

Normally, data errors like this might be invisible to us, but we also have administrative data from each state on the number of workers who have made unemployment insurance claims. This number has been huge over the past three months, with more than 43 million workers claiming benefits since the beginning of March. That is more than 15 times the total losses for the same three-month period before COVID. Moreover, some unknown additional number of workers have yet to officially make claims, or are stuck in the system overload.

Typically, the survey data has 4 million to 5 million more unemployed workers than does the unemployment insurance records. That is because not everyone is eligible for unemployment insurance when they lose their job. However, in May, that difference vanished. So, it looks like the survey data missed four million or more workers.

The missing people could be the result of imprecise survey wording, but it could also be an artifact of the extreme job churning that is now happening. For example, my nephew, a manufacturing worker in Indiana, has been through two bouts of two-week layoffs since March. The system cannot quickly reconcile that type of churning.

All this means that the corrections to jobless data in the coming months are going to be wild. But, I think two things are clear from the jobs report, and one issue remains unclear. The coming months will give us a better idea on all these issues.

First, the initial job losses from COVID-19 appear to have turned a corner in later April or early May. This is unambiguously good news and should cause everyone to breathe a very, very small sigh of relief.

Second, labor markets are in much worse shape than the official unemployment rate suggests. At 13.3 percent, the official number is higher than at any time since the Great Depression. However, if you count everyone who was working in February as currently unemployed, regardless of how they might have answered a survey, the real unemployment rate is close to 20 percent. We are in Great Depression levels of joblessness.

What we do not clearly know from these data is how bad the secondary effects of COVID-19 may be. Even with the recalls that dominated May’s report, permanent job losses were near record levels. It’s these permanent job losses, not the temporary layoffs, that will determine how long it takes to return to January’s employment level. From where we are right now, it will take several years to recover.

We also don’t know yet how successful the CARES Act has been. Certainly, the Payroll Protection Plan, which offered forgivable loans to businesses, appears to have helped. Also, the generous unemployment benefits may have postponed big declines in the demand for goods and services. These expire in July, at which time we should expect another deep dip in employment. Moreover, state and local tax revenue losses will soon lead to drops in state employment and spending. That will add another blow to the weakest economy since the 1930s. By my calculations, the likely reduction in state and local spending is alone sufficient to cause a mild recession in 2021.

There is some small reason to celebrate the May jobs report, but our economy remains as deeply damaged as it has been in living memory. There is much to worry about in the months to come.

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedeal.com with “Letters to the Editor” in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

Matthew 18:20



Trump’s lost cause

It should have happened 155 years ago when Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox, but maybe – just maybe – the Civil War is finally coming to an end. And

Eugene Robinson



perhaps Donald J. Trump, not Jefferson Davis, will go down in history as the last president of the Confederacy. Symbols like flags and monuments matter, because what they symbolize is our vision of ourselves as a nation: the heroes, battles, movements, sacrifices and ideals we honor. So when I see multiracial crowds toppling the statues of Confederate soldiers and politicians, when I see respected military leaders arguing that Army posts should no longer bear the name of Confederate generals, when I see NASCAR banning displays of the Confederate flag at its races – witnessing all of this, I let hope triumph over experience and allow myself to imagine that this may indeed be a transformational moment.

Like the Civil War itself, “Lost Cause” symbology is simply and entirely about white supremacy. It has nothing to do with “heritage” or “tradition” or any such gauzy nonsense. The heavily armed “liberate Michigan” mob that invaded the statehouse in Lansing, egged on by Trump, had no historical reason to be waving the Confederate flag. That banner represents the knee that has been kept on the necks of African Americans not just for eight minutes and

forty-six seconds, the time Derek Chauvin spent crushing the life out of George Floyd, but for 401 years.

Lee’s surrender ended nothing, because the nation did not even begin to grapple with white supremacy. Reconstruction was strangled in its infancy; true racial reconciliation was never even attempted. The statue of Davis in Richmond, brought down by protesters Wednesday night, was not erected until 1907. Like almost all of the Lost Cause monuments, it was built during the revanchist era when Southern whites were celebrating their reestablished dominance over African Americans via repressive Jim Crow laws and the terrorism of the Ku Klux Klan.

Everyone recalls that the Confederate flag at the South Carolina statehouse was taken down in 2015 following the massacre of nine African American worshippers by a white supremacist at Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston. Few realize that the racist flag had been installed at the statehouse not in 1861 but a century later, in 1961, when black South Carolinians like my parents were agitating for the right to vote.

The killing of Floyd has provoked a national moment of reckoning with police violence and white supremacy. But the position of the Trump administration is that systemic racism does not even exist – that our unexamined and unaddressed racial problems all come down to a few “bad apples” here and there.

Perhaps in an attempt to gain political advantage – and perhaps, as much evidence suggests, because it’s what

he truly believes – Trump has used this moment to side with Lost Cause white supremacy. His all-caps tweets for “LAW & ORDER” sound like George Wallace when he was governor of Alabama; his demand for a militarized response to the protests reminds me of Bull Connor, the Birmingham Commissioner of Public Safety who attacked nonviolent civil rights protesters with water hoses and vicious dogs.

When it was reported that high-ranking Army officials are open to stripping the names of Confederate generals from military posts such as Fort Bragg, Fort Benning and Fort Hood, Trump reacted instantly. He tweeted Wednesday that he “will not even consider the renaming of these Magnificent and Fabled Military Installations.”

Trump claimed, ridiculously, that the names are somehow part of the nation’s “history of Winning, Victory and Freedom.” He may be historically ignorant enough not to know that the generals in question were traitors as famous for the battles they lost as for any of their triumphs; that ultimate victory went to the Union, not the Confederacy; and that the whole point of the rebellion was to deny freedom to African Americans. Or he may know these facts but believe his political base doesn’t.

Just hours later, however, NASCAR banned the Confederate flag. If there is one sporting venue that Trump might think of as a safe space, it would be a NASCAR race – until now.

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Mom’s ‘friends’ abandon her after third child is born

DEAR ABBY: I recently welcomed my third child, a baby boy who was wanted and planned. We are overjoyed. Our two daughters are just under 10 years old. Over the years, my social circle has consisted mostly of the parents of my daughters’ friends.

Dear Abby



Abby, my news was met with mixed reactions. Some were thrilled for my pregnancy, while others were shocked. One woman even told me, “I’m just not in that phase of life anymore.”

After my son was born, I didn’t get visits or even a phone call from some of them. I announced his birth on social media and mailed out a beautiful announcement, but he hasn’t been acknowledged nor have I been checked on.

I know he won’t really be affected by this and I’m trying to focus on the positives. We have a big family on both sides, and many people within our community have warmly welcomed him. But I have been a good friend to these women, supported them in their times of need and even reached out during this pandemic to check on them in an effort to reconnect. I’m so disappointed. What am I supposed to say to these “friends” when I run into them again? — New Mom Again

DEAR MOM: When you encounter them, be cordial. Make polite conversation and ask how they and their families are doing. If they inquire, tell them you and your family are well. Then move on, recognizing you are dealing with individuals who are solely centered upon themselves. Do not attempt to revive a relationship with anyone who cares so little about you that they would treat you as they have, but DO recognize how fortunate you are that you know not to invest more of your time or yourself in them.

DEAR ABBY: I divorced my abusive ex-husband and am happily remarried. I have a son and daughter from my first marriage. They saw a lot of physical and emotional abuse when they were young. I stayed in the marriage to keep the family together until I realized my children were being hurt in the process. My son witnessed more of the abuse than my daughter.

My son has constantly brought up the past and has never been able to make a decent living. He’s married with three children, and they have lived with his mother-in-law for years. I have apologized many times for what happened in the past and asked for forgiveness. I don’t know what else I can do.

I always send birthday and holiday money telling them that I love them, but for some reason they have stopped answering my calls or responding to my texts. I call them three or four times a year. They used to call me when they needed money, but now they don’t call at all. Should I stop sending birthday checks? They missed Mother’s Day and my heart is broken. I don’t know what I’ve done wrong. — Paying For The Past

DEAR PAYING: You will never know what you “did wrong” unless one of your adult offspring decides to tell you. I hope you realize that you are being abused again, this time by two passive-aggressive adults. You are not the reason your son lives with his mother-in-law. As to your daughter, who knows her reason for radio silence?

Please stop flogging yourself. Start living your own life. Bind up that broken heart and focus on happiness with your new husband because, as things stand, you’re not going to find much with these two. Send cards if you must, but omit the money. If you do, I’m sorry to say you may hear from them sooner.

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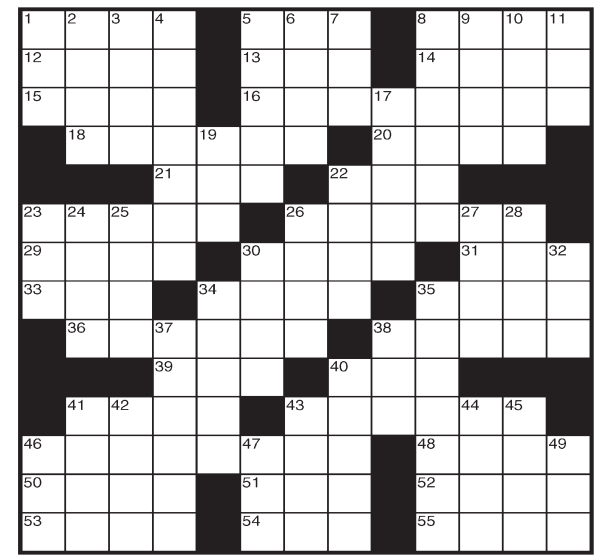
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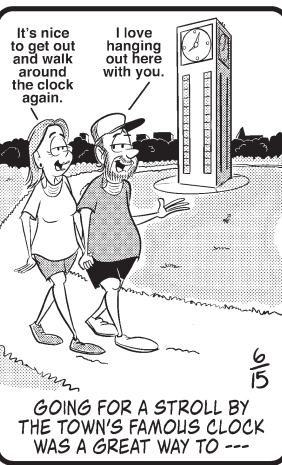
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Print your answer here:

Saturday’s Jumbles: CHEEP SCARF UNTOLD PLURAL
Answer: When the forest’s conifers had a party, they got — ALL SPRUCED UP

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

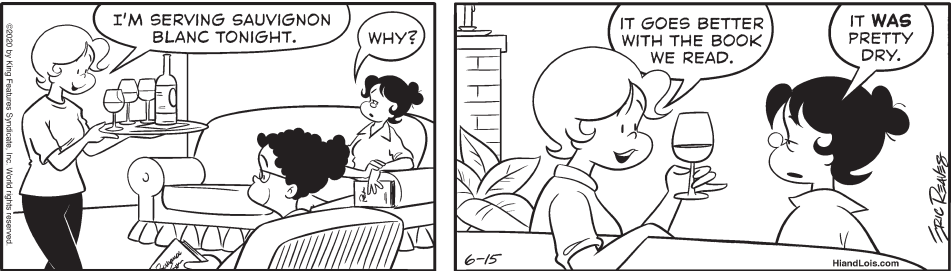
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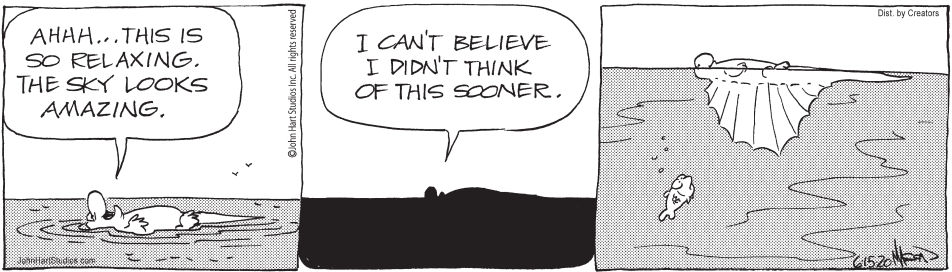
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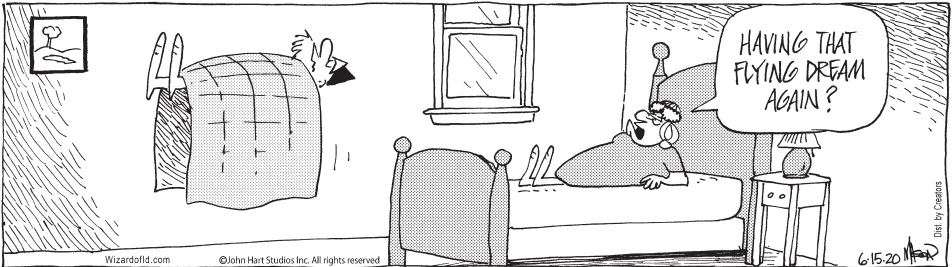
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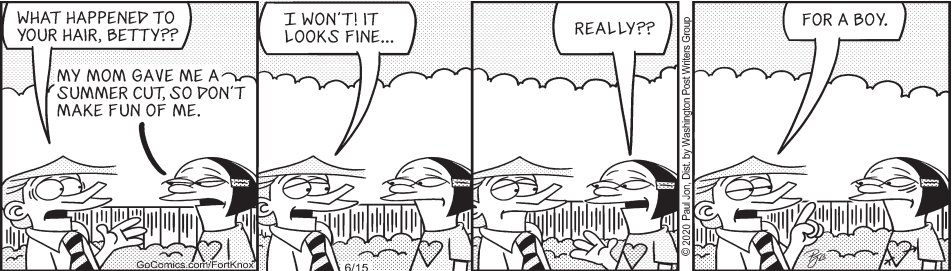
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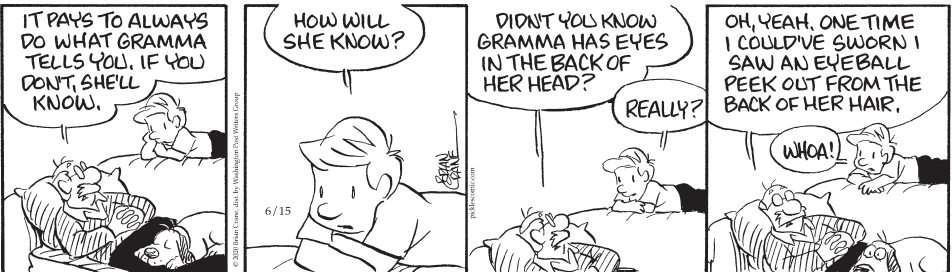
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PICKLES



Bible does not teach reincarnation

Q: Why is it unreasonable to believe that we might come back as someone or something different in the next life and have a second chance at doing life better? — A.L.

A: For mankind to hope for a second chance reveals the knowledge that life is imperfect. The Bible teaches that God is perfect and holy, and even one sin will keep us from His presence. And no one is sinless, “For all have sinned” (Romans 3:23).

Scripture makes it very clear that we live only once and that when we die we go into eternity. The Bible does not teach reincarnation. “It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27).

Every manifestation of evil is the result of basic sin — sin that has remained unchanged since the moment it first entered the human race. Evil is real — but so is God’s power, love, and forgiveness.

There is only one time to do life better and that is now. There is only one way to do life better and that is receive God’s forgiveness and cleansing from sin. We cannot do it ourselves. If God simply erased our sins without man’s repentance, He would be acting as if

evil did not matter. But it does matter.

This is why Christ came in to the world. He was without sin — but on the cross He took upon Himself our sins. He came to take upon Himself the punishment for our sins. Think of it: God in the person of Christ took the penalty of death and Hell that we deserve! We must not put our hope in ideas that will only deceive us, but by faith we must turn to Christ and trust Him alone for salvation. He alone is our hope.

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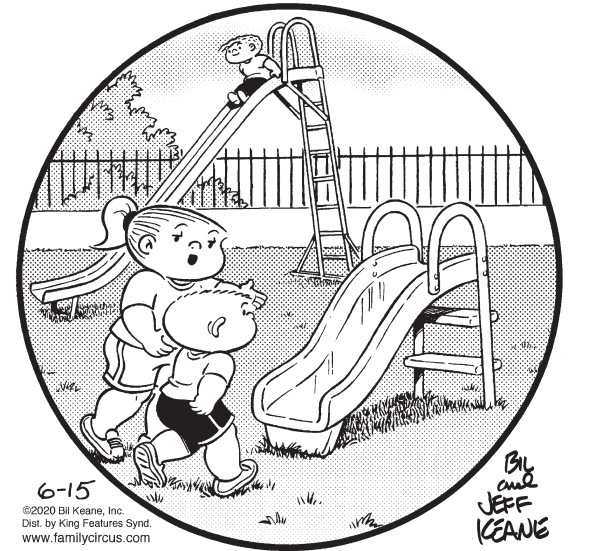
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Previous Solution: “Our flag is not just one of many political points of view. Rather the flag is a symbol of our national unity.” — Adrian Cronauer

TODAY’S CLUE: sjenbe L

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



“Here you go, PJ — the beginner’s slope.”

Brother’s campaign for office finds no support from sibling

DEAR ABBY: My oldest brother is running for a state office. Unlike me, he does not like animals. He has “hailed” litters of puppies off and shot at cats. In addition, he refuses to help our elderly parents. Family or not, I don’t want someone to be a leader in our state capital who exhibits such poor moral and unethical behavior.

Dear Abby



He has been married several times, and I know for a fact he cheated on one of his wives. I avoid attending his fundraisers and asking for votes, but other family members keep telling me that “blood is thicker than water,” and that I “must” vote for him regardless of his behavior. Of course, behind the curtain I can vote for whoever I want, but should I cave to the pressure to show up in support of him at public events? Even my husband said I should donate money to his campaign because he is family. What is your opinion? – Non-Supporter In The South

DEAR NON-SUPPORTER: If you do not support a candidate, keep your checkbook closed. And as to showing up to endorse your brother’s run for office, continue to refrain and cross your fingers that your absence won’t be noticed amidst all the excitement. If your husband wants to donate to your morally degenerate brother’s campaign, it is his choice, and he has a right to it just as you have a right to yours.

P.S. Anyone who would shoot at a defenseless animal and neglect his aged parents (“Honor thy father and thy mother”) really doesn’t belong in ANY office.

DEAR ABBY: My wife of 39 years decided two weeks ago to cease all communication with me. We had a sometimes-rocky marriage, but since becoming empty-nesters six months ago, we have enjoyed a rebirth of our relationship – long walks, games, fun meals, concerts, etc.

Two weeks ago, we had what I thought was a minor disagreement about the use of a credit card. Since then she has treated me like I don’t exist. She answers my questions with one word only or no response. I have begged her to talk to me about what’s wrong; she just turns away. She has altered her daily schedule to avoid having contact with me. I am shattered. What can I do? – Clueless In Tennessee

DEAR CLUELESS: It’s time to review why your marriage to this woman was “rocky.” Stop begging, step back and count yourself fortunate that you have had this reminder. Counseling might help you and your wife to communicate in a healthier way if she is willing to try. However, if she isn’t, you will have to decide how much more “punishment” you are willing to tolerate when you disagree, and what is realistic to do about it if you aren’t.

DEAR ABBY: We have a neighbor whose adult son has gotten into trouble with the law. His mom and dad are devastated and have withdrawn from all of us. How do we handle it when we see them around the neighborhood? Do we ignore “the elephant” and just say hi? Do we ask them how their son is doing? It’s so sad to see them suffer, and we don’t know what to do. – What To Do In The East

DEAR WHAT TO DO: When you see your neighbors, be cordial. Make polite conversation, and if they mention their son, listen to what they have to say and be supportive, but not judgmental.

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4 Simon or Armstrong

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11 Golfer – Trevino

12 Folktale monster

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14 Is, to Fritz

15 Forest grazers

16 Clumsy ones

17 Whiskers

19 Wine category

21 – gin fizz

22 Clinton’s veep

25 Finding the sum

29 Pale gray

31 TV genie portrayer

34 Creeping vine

35 Hookah, e.g.

36 Ages

37 So-so grade

38 Striped stone

39 Colorful carp

40 Snuggle

42 Inventory wd.

44 Memsahib’s servant

47 Cribbage card

49 Solution

51 Sub – (secretly)

54 Sour

56 Gulf st.

57 Mound

58 Pantyhose color

59 Genre

60 Law (abbr.)

61 Went fast

62 Swimming pool tester

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8 Lose – whisker

9 Playful bark

10 Legal matter

13 Loony

18 Reddish-brown horses

20 Omelet ingredient

23 Drought ender

24 Observe

26 Cut into cubes

27 “Blue Tail Fly” singer

28 Russian veto word

30 Witch’s curse

31 Mouse alert

32 Dire fate

33 Tennyson heroine

35 Sonnets and odes

40 Prefix meaning “recent”

41 Came to Earth

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45 Expect

46 Parrot’s word

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49 Helper

50 Tidy the lawn

51 Letter before sigma

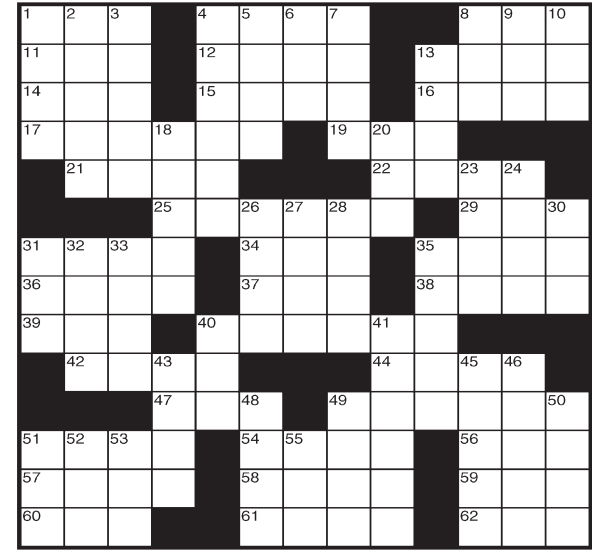
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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What happened to my new mirror? I can't believe this!

I'm sorry. I had trouble getting it out of the box.

WHEN SHE SAW THAT THE BRAND-NEW MIRROR WAS CRACKED, SHE WAS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CAMEO SOUPY INJURE STANZA
Answer: Going for a stroll by the town's famous clock was a great way to — PASS TIME

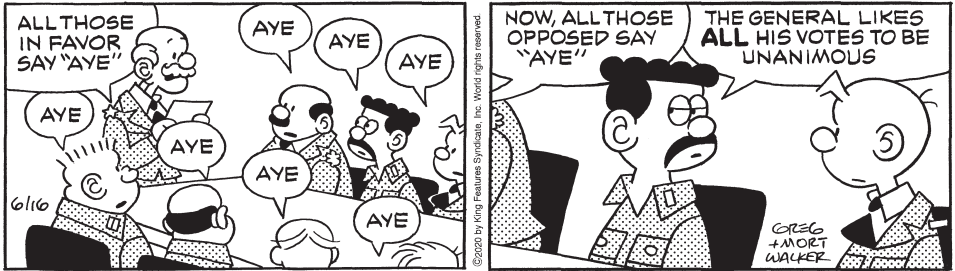
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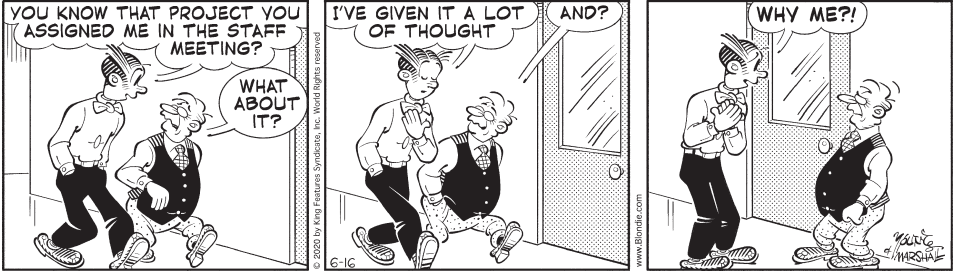
“Mommy! Billy’s writing with the mustard!”

Bil and Jeff KEANE

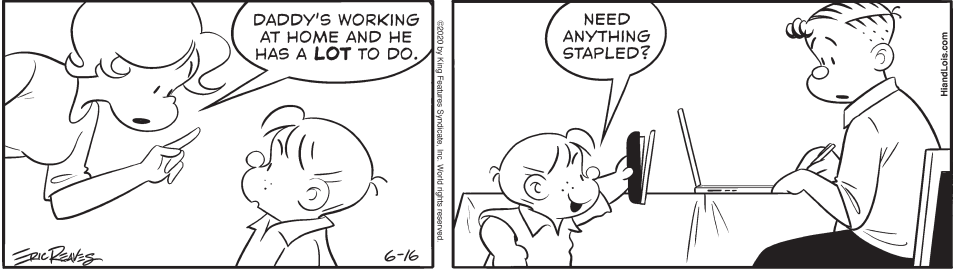
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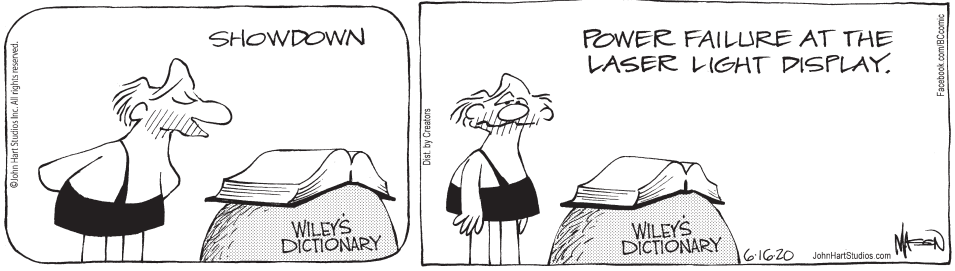
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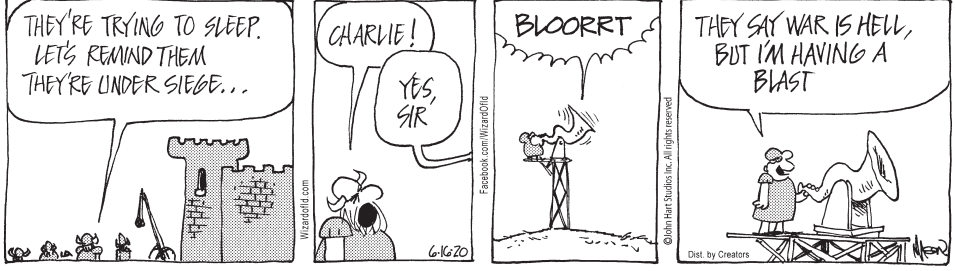
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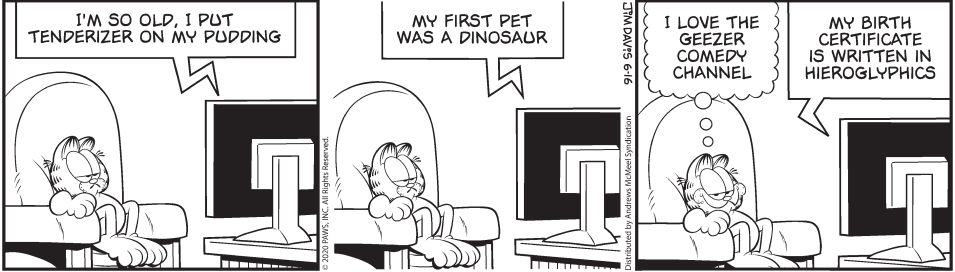
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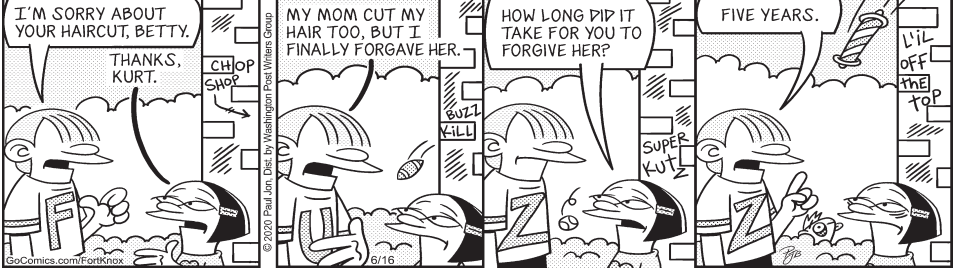
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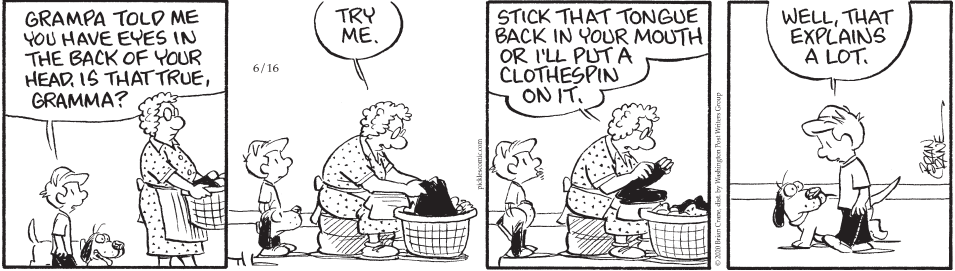
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PICKLES



Is abortion really the same as gendercide?

Q: During the pandemic it was reported that some doctors were helping women abort their babies at home by taking a pill since many could not travel to an abortion clinic. One mother said she chose abortion because she did not want to have another girl since she already had three daughters and had hoped for a boy. I was stunned to learn that gendercide is legally practiced in other parts of the world. Is abortion really the same as gendercide? – A.G.

A: The practice of gendercide has led to a serious imbalance of the sexes in China and North India. There are many reasons why people support abortion and this is one of them. In many societies it affects girls more than boys. The traditional prefer-

ence for boys in many cultures has combined with the trend for smaller families and the ability to determine the sex of a child while still in the womb.

Much to the dismay of many Americans, this procedure was actually being debated in the United States Congress some years ago, with strong support for allowing parents to rob the innocent of their right to life because they happen to be the wrong gender.

Widespread acceptance of abortion is symbolic of something deeper within our soci-

ety that should also concern us greatly. This is the tendency to decide moral issues on the basis of whether or not they are convenient or bring pleasure to a person. In addition, many who are told their children will be born with defects end up delivering healthy babies. We have dismissed God, resulting in skewed thinking and consciences that are desensitized to right and wrong; making moral decisions solely on what “fits in” with our individual preferences.

Encourage your heart by reading Psalm 119:16.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

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Previous Solution: “The challenges and how we deal with them: That’s what defines us ... our ability to overcome and transform.” — Jared Leto

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Crossroads Bank hires Kirsten Pendarvis

Manchester University graduate joins staff as controller

STAFF REPORT

Crossroads Bank has announced the hiring of Kirsten Pendarvis, according to Mitzi Pilgrim, director of marketing. Pendarvis joined Crossroads Bank as controller in Wabash.

Pendarvis graduated with honors from Manchester University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant in the state of Indiana.

Pendarvis comes to Crossroads Bank from BKD CPAs & Advisors in Fort Wayne, where she focused on audits of financial institutions.

Kirsten and her husband, Chris, reside in Fort Wayne with their dog, Sasha.

Stocks close higher in NYC

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks closed broadly higher on Wall Street on Monday after the market shook off a weak start as investors welcomed news of the Federal Reserve's latest measure to support markets. The S&P 500 rose 25.28 points, or 0.8 percent, to 3,066.59. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 157.62 points, to 25,763.16.

If you lost your job, then this is the landlord you'd be lucky to have

When Jamie Shehan's daughter Kecia lost her waitress and hostess job at a restaurant because of the novel coronavirus, her landlord showed no pity. There would be no concessions, no rent break. She would have to pay or be evicted.

Shehan, living on Social Security and Veterans disability benefits, did what many parents have had to do during the pandemic. He and his wife, Chrissy, told 45-year-old Kecia, who has a teenage son, to come live with them in their two-bedroom apartment in Burnsville, North Carolina. Kecia left her apartment before North Carolina, like so many other states and local jurisdictions, paused eviction hearings.

But the cost of adding two more people to their household caused the Shehans to fall behind on their own rent.

Unlike their daughter, however, the Shehans were never threatened with eviction.

Kecia rented from a distant major corporation with apartment complexes in several states.

Her parents are renting from an empathetic landlord who isn't trying to become "fabulously" wealthy at the expense of squeezing every dollar possible out of his tenants. Not only did their landlord allow them to pause paying their \$525 monthly rent for two months, he paid the couple's electric bill. "He's not one of the landlords who immediately hands you an eviction notice," Shehan said. "I overextended myself for family reasons and he worked with me. He gave me an opportunity to catch up."

This is the tale of two landlords — one merciful, the other merciless.

The way some people and companies have behaved toward those in need during the coronavirus crisis reminds me of the opening line in the Charles Dickens novel "The Tale of Two Cities": "It was

the best of times, it was the worst of times."

The Shehans were able to help their daughter and grandson because they had a landlord who exhibited one of the moral lessons in Dickens' novel — the importance of compassion.

Norman Rabek, 68, has been Shehan's landlord for about 10 years. Rabek has 38 renters living in nine single-family homes and four multifamily buildings.

Rabek is the type of landlord you want in troubled times. He has managed his rental properties for the inevitable economic downturns, recessions, or once-in-a-lifetime pandemic so that he doesn't have to rush to evict struggling tenants.

He can give grace to his tenants because he has been intentional about building a financial cushion in his business. He paid off the mortgages for his multi-unit buildings and is working to pay off the others. He has three lines of credit established on the properties with mortgages.

"Part of the advantage of having been involved in this a long time is that you realize stuff happens and you better have some wiggle room," Rabek said. "I know [landlords] who are just a clogged toilet away from bankruptcy."

Rabek said he sets his rents below market rates to attract renters who, grateful for the lower price, will stick around and want to take good care of their rental units. He also has developed a personal relationship with his tenants, which makes them feel more comfortable coming to him when they're in financial distress. Shehan, a former electrician, has helped out on odd jobs for Rabek, allowing the tenant to witness his landlord's kindness.

Michelle Singletary



Several renters have fallen behind because of the coronavirus. Rabek has given them extra time to pay or allowed them to make partial rent payments. He isn't charging late fees. "There's no point in inflicting extra pain on people," he said. "People are not able to pay the rent because they bought a new car or big-screen TV. They can't pay the rent because their work is sporadic."

Often, when people can't pay their rent, they don't communicate with their landlord, reasoning there's no point if they don't have the money. That's a mistake. To encourage people to come to him, Rabek said he reached out to his tenants at the beginning of the coronavirus crisis. He stressed the importance of being open and he passed along information about resources his tenants could tap.

"To renters, landlords are scary beasts," he said. "I try to work with people."

The Census Bureau has created a weekly survey — the Household Pulse Survey — to collect data on how households across the country are dealing with employment and housing issues, among other things. Clearly, covid-19 has disproportionately affected renters. The National Multifamily Housing Council (NMHC) has been looking at the initial findings, which found that 19.4 percent of all renters either were not able to pay their rent on time or deferred their rent last month. In looking forward, more than one-third of renters have little or no confidence in their ability to make next month's rent, the council said.

"The results show how widespread the stresses stemming from the pandemic are on American households and especially renter households," according to the report by NMHC. "Much of the data also underscore the need for a widespread federal renter assistance payment program to provide

relief to affected households and help stabilize the housing and financial systems."

Many jurisdictions have placed a moratorium on evictions, but those orders will be expiring soon. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (Cares) Act prohibits evictions of people living in certain federally subsidized housing. Unless Congress acts, the moratoriums will end on July 25.

House Democrats have passed a \$3 trillion stimulus package, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (Heroes) Act, which would extend the eviction moratorium for another 12 months. The Heroes Act provides funding to help with rent, mortgage payments, and utilities — \$100 billion is slated for rental assistance for low-income renters. But the Heroes Act is stymied by the lack of Republican support.

Without more federal assistance, a wave of evictions is likely.

Rabek asked that I not characterize his efforts to assist his tenants as "too idyllic."

"This is going to be a long, hard slog over the next months, and I don't want to make it seem that there are, or will be, simple solutions," he said. "For me, it's about trying to make a distressing time less stressful for all of us to the extent that I can. And, fortunately, the goodwill that has been built up with the tenants has so far carried us forward, though I know there will be harder times for us all."

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